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Serial No.: 09/719,277  
(US National stage of PCT/US99/12929)

I.A. Filing Date: June 9, 1999  
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For: *Novel Hepatitis C Virus Peptides and Uses Thereof*

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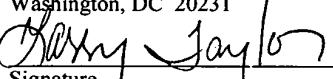
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action (paper No. 13) dated December 20, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 12, line 13 after "LNLKEKP(X1)(X2)TPT(X3)" please insert – SEQ ID NO:3—

At page 12, line 13 after "AAHRT(X4)SSR(X5)(X6)VR" please insert –SEQ ID NO:4—

At page 12, line 16 after "LNLKEKPNVTPTAC" please insert –SEQ ID NO:5—

At page 12, line 16 after "AAHRTSSSRVVR" please insert – SEQ ID NO:6—

At page 21, line 2 after "LNLKEKP(X1)(X2)TPT(X3)" please insert – SEQ ID NO:3—

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Transmitted herewith for filing in connection with the above-identified application are the following:

- ☒ Amendment and Response  
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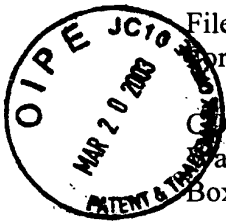
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